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HU, LAWRENCE W.

Application Number

09/900,503

Filing Date

July 6, 2001

Group Art Unit

3732

Examiner Name

SMITH, JEFFREY A.

Title: "SURGICAL RETRACTOR PLATFORM BLADE
APPARATUS"

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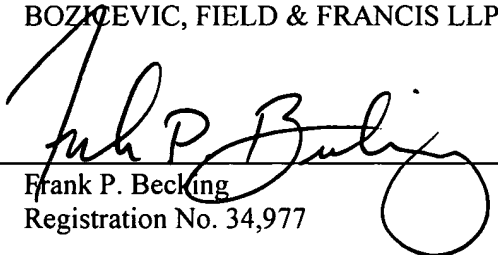
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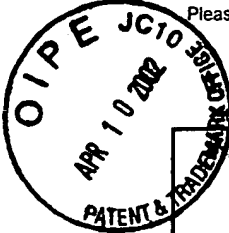
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See 37 CFR 1.27

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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
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107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 24 -20**	=	x	=
Indep. Claims 5-3**	=	x	=
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

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